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Dear Commissioner:

This is in response to the Communication mailed September 5, 2008 regarding the Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants initially filed an Information Disclosure Statement December 20, 2005, along with 4 references. The Notice of Allowance, dated August 7, 2008, did not acknowledge two non-patent literature documents. A Communication was filed August 14, 2008 in which the non-considered references were re-submitted. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the two non-patent literature documents, as they were first submitted with the initial filing of the application, where a statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e) or a fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) was not required. A copy of the original postcard receipt, dated December 20, 2005 is included with this communication, which indicates the Information Disclosure Statement and 4 references were filed with the application.



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Respectfully submitted,



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